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Writing Pad

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FACTS

Address: The Writing Pad is located off of Sunset Blvd. in the Silver Lake Hills. The exact location is given after enrollment. Silver Lake, 90026 > map it (323) 644-0779

Neighborhood: Silver Lake & Echo Park

Type: Library

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30pm-10pm



LOWDOWN

In a city where everyone, their mother and their personal trainer is writing a script, honing writing skills is just an important as toning abs—making writing workshops as necessary as that 8am yoga class.

In a sleek Silver Lake living room that seems unfolded from the pages of *Dwell*, writers bond over the course of an evening that's all creativity and no criticism. Unlike those bad college workshops, eating is encouraged: When we went, we were treated to a scrumptious goat cheese and pine nut tart to start and a berry fool for dessert. The class, conducted in the instructor's home, was small and intimate, so everyone felt at ease. (We were repeatedly told to help ourselves to tea in the kitchen.) Classes are taught using the free-writing method, where participants are given improvisational writing exercises encouraging them to write continuously without letting the pen leave the page. About three writing exercises are completed during each class, and participants are invited to share their writings following each exercise, though passing on reading is completely acceptable. Fellow class members are then invited to say what they liked or remembered about the piece, but no criticism (no matter how constructive) is allowed. —Elisa Jacobs

Tip: Come prepared to write, which means bringing a notebook and pen.

FEATURES

Cost: \$40 for 2.5 hour class; \$185 for a five-week session

Atmosphere: Artsy

Parking: Street

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